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REMARKS

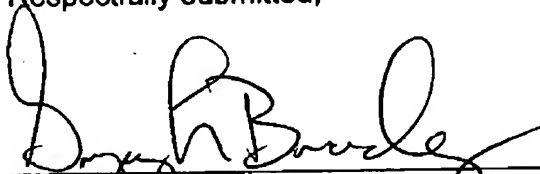
Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for careful consideration of this application.

Claims 1-14 are pending in the application. The Examiner found allowable subject matter in Claims 3 and 8-14. Claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of Claim 3. Claims 2, 3, 4 and 5 have been canceled without disclaimer or prejudice to presenting them in a later-filed application. Applicants do not acquiesce to the rejection of Claims 1, 6 and 7, but are merely expediting the prosecution of this application to obtain allowable subject matter. Claim 11 has been amended to correct a minor informality therein.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

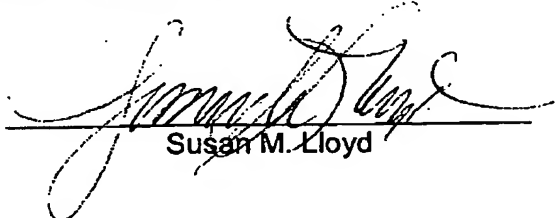
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